

**Town of Odessa**  
**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007 - 7:00 PM**  
**OLD ACADEMY BUILDING**

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey  
Council Member John Freeman  
Council Member Karlyn Grant  
Council Member Betts Jackson

Treasurer James Grant  
Secretary Jessica Norton

6 community members

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I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

II. Oath of Office- The April 2, 2007 election was canceled as all seats were unopposed. Kathy Harvey administered the Oath of Office to James Grant and Betts Jackson. Betts Jackson then swore in Kathy Harvey. Mayor Harvey announced that one Council seat is vacant at this time. The position will be announced to the public, then, as per the Town Charter, will be appointed in May.

***Action: Secretary Jessica Norton will post the vacancy and add the appointment to the next agenda.***

III. Roll Call

IV. Delaware State Police Report- Lt. Logan reported that the Troop has fixed the top of its speeding tickets to ensure that all tickets issued within the Town are paid to the Town.

V. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting 3/5/07

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON:  
THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON MARCH 5, 2007 BE ACCEPTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

VI. Correspondence

- VII. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Jim Grant read the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance, attached hereto as attachments B and C respectively. He then presented Council with two proposals for tax software; one from local computer professional Eric Nichols for \$1040 and one commercial product that is used by other Delaware municipalities for \$2975. Mayor and Council asked him to research the options and be prepared to make his proposal at the Budget Workshop.

***Action: Treasurer Jim Grant will call other towns and inquire about tax software.***

VIII. Commission Reports

- A. Planning- working on Zoning Ordinance, took another trip to Kentlands. Mayor Harvey urges residents to attend Planning meetings. She added that the Commission's amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have opened the door for improvements to the Gulf Station and reminded residents that grant money is available to those who would like to fix up their properties.
- B. Historic- see Historic agenda
- C. Trees- looking at estimates to treat for bagworms in Memorial Park. Cost will probably be over budget, but treatment is necessary.
- D. Parks- mulch will be ordered for Old Academy Park.

IX. Old Business

- A. Diemler Street Transfer Legal Costs

X. New Business

- A. DE Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund Grant – Mayor Harvey requested permission to apply for the matching grant, which would be used for benches and picnic tables for both parks.

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON: THAT MAYOR HARVEY APPLY FOR THE GRANT UP TO \$3500.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

***Action: Mayor Harvey will apply for the grant.***

- XI. Next Meeting's Date and Time: May 7, 2007 7:00 PM

XII. Adjournment

- A. Miss Honeydipper submitted a proposal for portable toilet service in Memorial Park. Karlyn Grant earmarked a portion of the community craft fair proceeds for use of a toilet on the day of the event. Jessica

Norton also suggested using part of the Halloween budget. Council will discuss the cost at the budget workshop.

- B. Representative Cathcart thanked the Town for passing a resolution in support of House Bill 30.
- C. The Town is working with the Appoquinimink River Association to acquire Dogi-Pots for both parks.

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON:  
THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_